

HOUSE No. 166

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth Poirier

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing for enhanced protection of children an investigation of abuse and neglect allegations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Elizabeth Poirier	14th Bristol
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 128 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ENHANCED PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AN INVESTIGATION OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT ALLEGATIONS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority
of the same, as follows:*

- 1 The second paragraph of section fifty-one E of said Chapter 119, as appearing in the 1996 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end of the section the following new paragraph:—
- 3 Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from keeping information on unsubstantiated reports
- 4 for no more than 60 months to assist in future risk and safety assessments of children
- 5 and families. Section 7. Section fifty-one of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996
- 6 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following new paragraph:—
- 7 Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from keeping information on unsubstantiated reports
- 8 for no more than 60 months to assist in future risk and safety assessments of children and families.